

BERLIN TO GIVE U. S. DATA ON BELGIANS

No Hesitancy Will Be Shown in Explaining Deportation Action.

GREW STUDIES SITUATION

BERLIN, November 18, via London, November 18.—Deportations of workmen from Belgium have been made the subject of careful study by Joseph C. Grew, charge d'affaires of the United States embassy, from the time the first reports of the intention of the German administration to apply compulsion to unwilling workers in the occupied districts were received.

Mr. Grew has been collecting information on the subject from various sources and recently has taken occasion to discuss the matter informally and unofficially with the higher German officials to get material in shape for a conference which he hopes soon to have with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor.

Delicate Diplomatic Subject.

The subject is an extremely delicate one diplomatically, and it requires delicate handling, since not the United States but Spain is interested formally with the protection of Belgian interests. But the prominent part taken by the United States in the question of Belgian relief will, it is believed, as in the question affecting Poland, lead the German government to show an understanding for the interest the American government is displaying in this question.

The chief cause of the German plan seems to lie not against the general idea of providing work, even compulsorily, for idle hands, but with certain aspects of the enforcement of the general scheme, notably the apparently unsystematic method of selecting and assembling the men for transfer to Germany, disregarding in some instances reports circulating abroad regarding German action in Belgium, and by a desire to have authentic information regarding the measures taken in case such reports should threaten to interfere with the execution of Belgian relief work and the collection of funds in the United States.

Will Give Information.

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ARMY AFFAIRS CONTROL LEFT TO GENERAL STAFF

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The control of all army activities by the general staff is sustained by Secretary Baker in an opinion just made public and called forth by language employed in the national defense act. In reaching his conclusion the Secretary disagrees with Judge Advocate General Crowder and other army officials, who hold that the act prohibited the members of the General Staff Corps from exercising any control over the bureau of the War Department.

Secretary Baker's Ruling.

In stating his decision Secretary Baker says:

"The policy of the War Department, therefore, will remain as heretofore: The chief of staff, speaking in the name of the Secretary of War, will co-ordinate and supervise the various bureaus, offices and departments of the War Department."

The language of the act which it had been urged upon that policy is as follows:

"Provided that hereafter members of the General Staff Corps shall be confined strictly to the discharge of the duties of the general nature of those specified for them in this section and in the organic act of Congress last heretofore cited, and they shall not be permitted to assume or engage in work of an administrative nature that pertains to the established bureaus or offices of the War Department or that being assumed or engaged in by members of the General Staff Corps would involve impairment of the responsibility or initiative of such bureaus or offices, or would cause injurious or unnecessary duplication or delay in the work thereof."

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RUSS VOICE CONFIDENCE IN ULTIMATE VICTORY

God Alone Knows How Long Conflict Will Last, Says War Minister.

PETROGRAD, November 18.—Great enthusiasm has been aroused in the Russian duma by the declarations made by the ministers of war and marine that the government has entire confidence in the ultimate victory of the entente allies.

After ascribing the war to a deliberately prepared attempt of the Teuton powers forcibly to dominate all peoples, the war minister said: "The war has lasted twenty-seven months. God alone knows how much longer it will last. As an old soldier I am profoundly convinced that each day brings us nearer to victory. Not only the army but the whole state is waging war. Every one who it has been possible to take for the manufacture of munitions has been taken. Not only men and boys, but women and girls."

Greater Munitions Supply.

The minister of war gave statistics regarding the output of munitions in Russia. He showed that the internal output of three-inch guns was eight times the number of these guns produced in January, 1915.

Four times the number of rifles were being manufactured, the production of four-inch shells was nine times greater and nineteen times the number of other guns were being turned out. The supply of some other munitions was forty times greater, while gas-producing gases were sixty-nine times greater in volume than the amounts produced in January of 1915. The minister admitted there were still some defects in the production of artillery and munitions, but said the position was "satisfactory." Referring to the future he continued:

Enemy Nearer Defeat.

"The enemy is caught and will not escape. Every day brings him nearer defeat. We must conquer at all costs. That is the order of the august commander of our gallant army. The welfare of our country requires it. I again express the absolute conviction that we shall gain victory. No power on earth is able to conquer Russia."

The minister of marine expressed similar beliefs. After the address had been concluded the members of the duma left their seats and surrounded the ministers, cheering frantically.

EXPERTS WARN WORLD TO ECONOMIZE ON FOOD

International Agriculture Institute Says All Nations Face Problem.

ROME, November 18.—Rigid economy throughout the world in the consumption of food, in view of the deficient crops and the extraordinary requirements of the European armies, is urged by the International Institute of Agriculture, which has made the most extensive report it has issued since the war began. The institute says all nations are confronted with a grave situation.

It is estimated that at least 2,300,000,000 bushels of wheat will be consumed in the year ending July 31, 1917, and that at the end of this period the world's surplus of wheat will have decreased to 46,000,000. The report says it is only on account of the fact that last year's harvests were abundant, leaving a balance of 250,000,000 bushels, that there is available wheat for the year ending with next July.

The world's surplus of five cereals—wheat, rye, barley, oats and corn—is placed at 533,000,000 bushels. This includes the unexportable Russian stocks and also the stocks of Rumania and Bulgaria. The surplus of oats is placed at 156,000,000 bushels. A general scarcity of fodder is expected.

The total Russian stocks of wheat now stored, which, if military conditions permitted, would be available for export at the next harvest, are estimated at 300,000,000 bushels.

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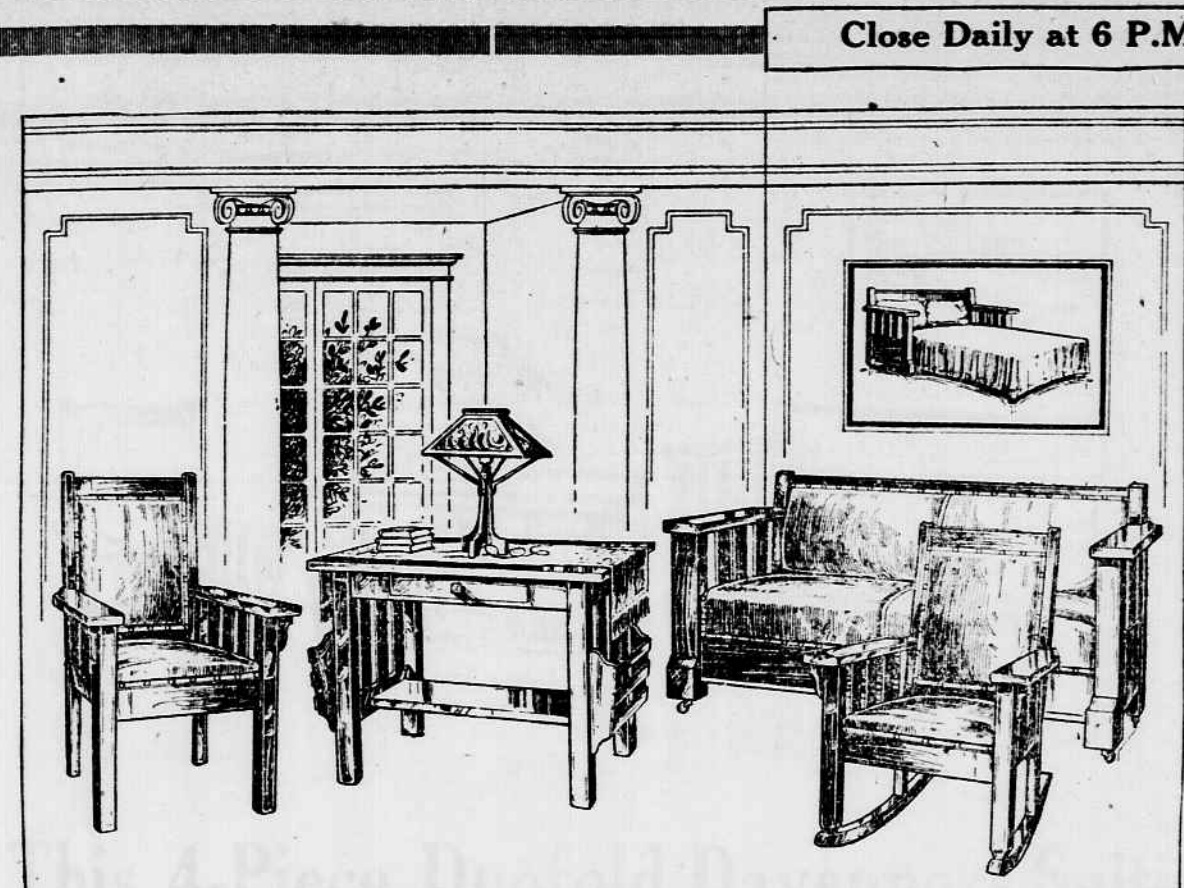
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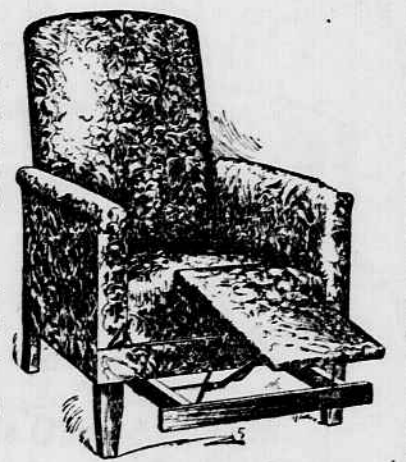
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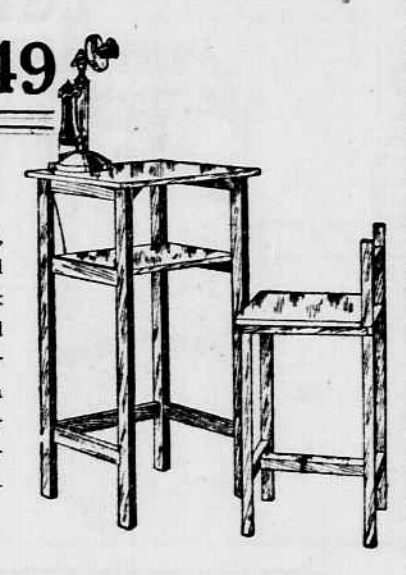


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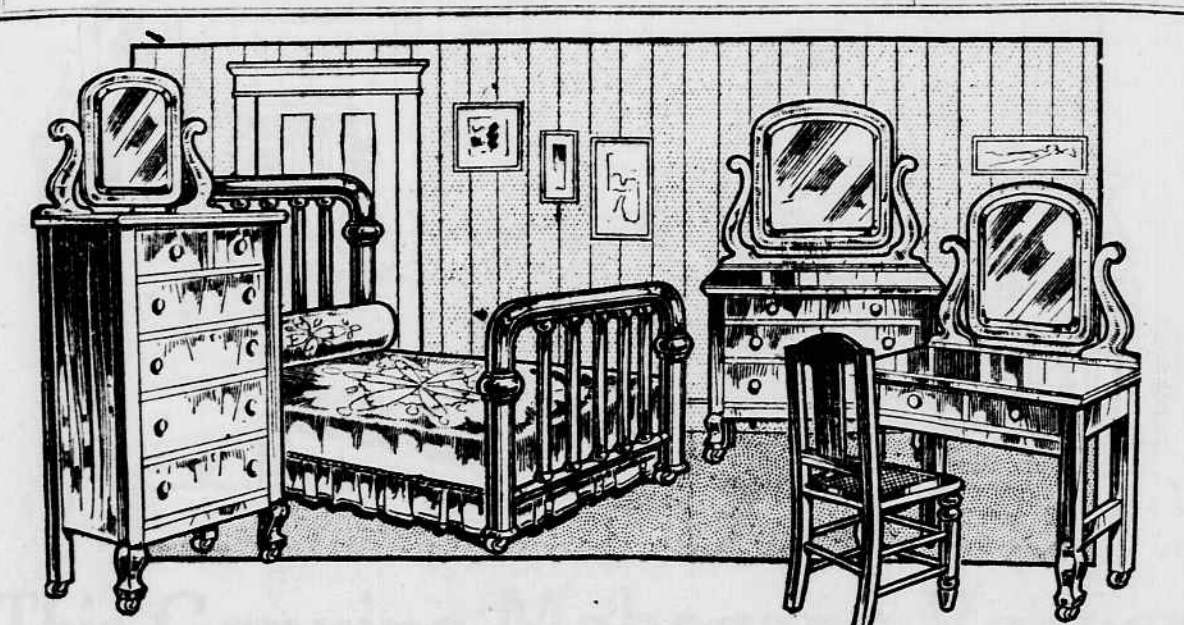
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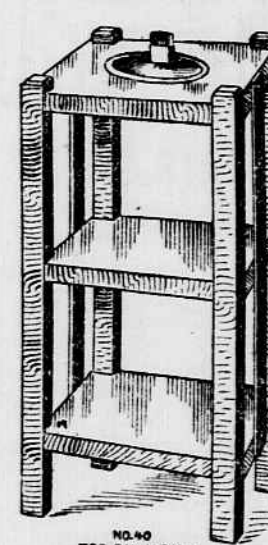
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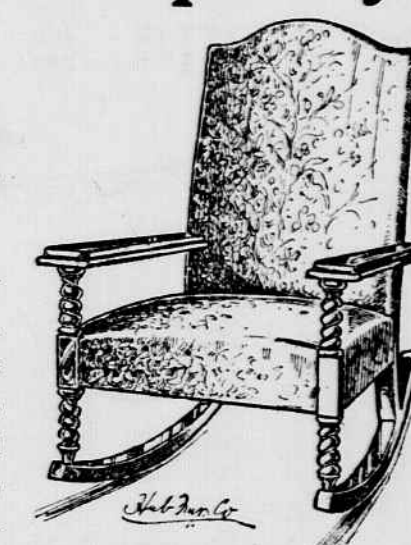
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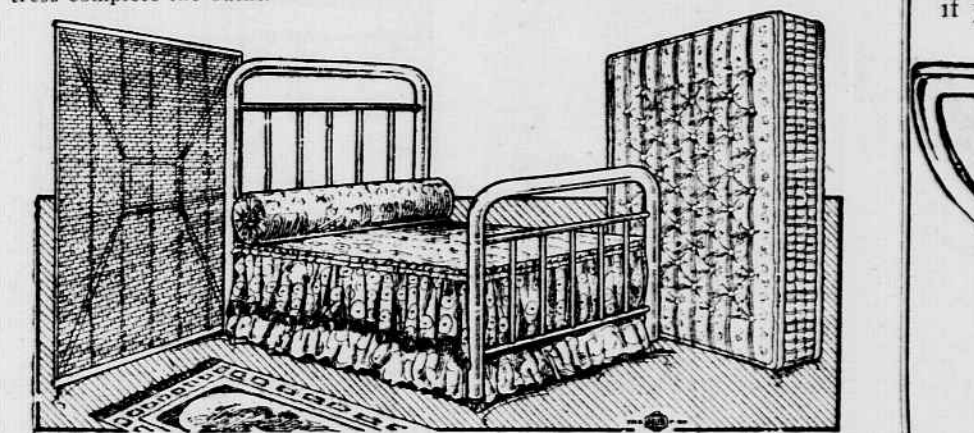
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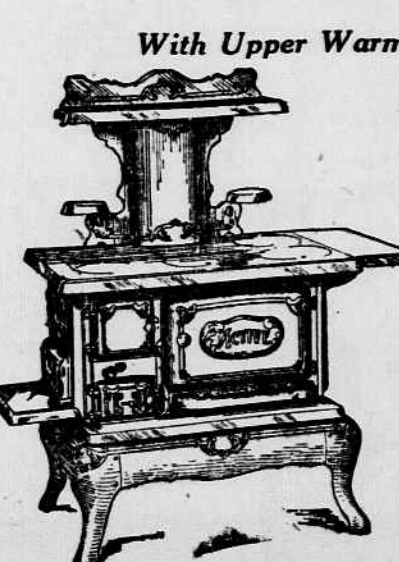
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